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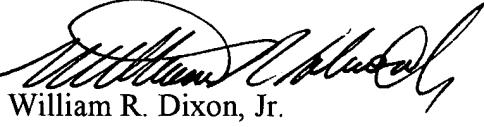
PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is in response to applicants' petition filed October 27, 2003, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d).

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, XII. Therefor the petition is **GRANTED**.

The Examiner's Answer to the Appeal Brief was recently mailed. Therefor this decision will be made of record in the file prior to forwarding to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

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